

CITY OF WATERVILLE

REGULAR MEETING COUNCIL MINUTES AUGUST 18, 2020
MID-DAY CAFÉ, MID MAINE TECHNICAL CENTER
(WATERVILLE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, REAR ENTRANCE)

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REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: NICHOLAS ISGRO, MAYOR
 MIKE ROY, CITY MANAGER

COUNCILORS: MICHAEL MORRIS, FLAVIA OLIVEIRA, SYDNEY MAYHEW,
 RICHARD FOSS, CLAUDE FRANCKE, ERIK THOMAS

DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

COUNCILOR THOMAS STATED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST
WITH RESOLUTION 190-2020

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Made and Seconded for Approval of Consent
Agenda
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDER 173-2020 APPROVAL OF FORFEITURE (FITTS)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 174-2020 APPROVAL OF PIPELINE EASEMENT & RIGHT OF WAY
AGREEMENT (NATURAL GAS)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 180-2020 ACCEPTANCE OF FAA AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM GRANT AND ISSUANCE OF NOTICE TO
PROCEED

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDER 181-2020 ACCEPTANCE OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 183-2020 ISSUANCE OF A VICTUALER'S LICENSE TO DRIP CITY,
LLC, D/B/A DRIP CITY BARCADE, 129 MAIN STREET

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 184-2020 ISSUANCE OF A LIQUOR LICENSE TO DRIP CITY LLC,
D/B/A DRIP CITY BARCADE, 129 MAIN STREET

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 185-2020 ISSUANCE OF A VICTUALER'S LICENSE TO HEZEKIAH
LITZSEY, D/B/A D.O.N. SOUL FOOD KITCHEN, 2 UNION
STREET

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

ORDINANCE 186-2020 ADOPTION OF AN EMERGENCY POWERS ORDINANCE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Motion Made and Seconded to Table to Next Meeting
Councilors Voting Yes: Oliveira, Mayhew, Foss,
Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: Morris
Vote: (5-1)

RESOLUTION 187-2020 SUPPORT OF PLAN FOR COLLABORATION BETWEEN
WATERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DELTA AMBULANCE

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 188-2020 PURCHASE OF A BOILER FOR WATERVILLE FIRE
DEPARTMENT

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 189-2020 APPROVAL OF OPERATING AGREEMENT (AIRPORT)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 190-2020 APPOINTMENT OF A SEARCH COMMITTEE (CITY
MANAGER'S POSITION)

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Motion Made and Seconded to Table to Next Meeting
Councilors Voting Yes: Oliveira, Francke
Councilors Voting No: Morris, Mayhew, Foss
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas

Vote to Table: (2-3) Motion Fails
Motion Made and Seconded to Remove Kim Lindlof as a
citizen member of the Committee
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke
Councilors Voting No: None
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: All in Favor (5-0)
Motion Made and Seconded to remove Bobbie Jo Green and
to add Flavia Oliveira to the Committee
Councilors Voting Yes: Oliveira, Francke
Councilors Voting No: Morris, Mayhew, Foss
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: (2-3) Motion Fails
Motion Made and Seconded to designate Sarah Bowen as a
staff member for the Committee and to add Flavia
Oliveira as a City Council member of the Committee
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Francke
Councilors Voting No: Mayhew, Foss
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: (3-2)
Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt As Amended
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: Foss
Councilors Abstaining: Thomas
Vote: (4-1)

RESOLUTION 191-2020 POLICE VEHICLE PURCHASE APPROVAL

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 192-2020 DECLARING A VACANCY FOR WARD 3 CITY COUNCIL

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

RESOLUTION 193-2020 ESTABLISHING THE POLLING PLACE FOR THE
PRESIDENTIAL & REGULAR & SPECIAL MUNICIPAL
ELECTION BEING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2020

Motion Made and Seconded to Adopt
Councilors Voting Yes: Morris, Oliveira, Mayhew,
Foss, Francke, Thomas
Councilors Voting No: None
Vote: All in Favor (6-0)

Jenn Bergeron, Co-Owner of the Lion's Den, would like the City Council to consider extending the option for Outdoor Dining to year-round. She indicated that she may want to do ice bars, fire pits, and possible install a portable roof on the outside area, depending on what happens with the Concourse parking lot construction.

Erica Pelotte, Co-Owner of the Lion's Den, stated that the patrons at the Lion's Den love the outdoor dining.

Mayor Isgro noted that the Haines Park looked awful and that it looks beautiful now and that he supports creative ideas. Isgro added that there are no funds to redo the Concourse right now. Mayor Isgro said that we were discussing the possibility of extending the width of sidewalks to accommodate outdoor dining in the downtown to be supportive of all restaurants.

Ms. Bergeron had suggested a different plan for the Concourse to make the area more like an outdoor mall.

Councilor Foss noted that they had found the silver lining and said that we should give them support.

Councilor Thomas noted that the Concourse plan had been approved in order to obtain bids but that there is no money currently to do the project and that it may be bonded out two years from now. Thomas said that the plan is not locked in.

Jennifer Bergeron questioned whether the plan could be revoked.

Councilors Francke stated that this might be a good time to re-think the plan and open it up for further discussion by involving other merchants.

Councilor Mayhew thanked Ms. Bergeron and Ms. Pelotte for their innovation and said that we should consider expanding sidewalks.

Mayor Isgro summarized that they had support for extending outdoor dining and requested that an item be placed on the next agenda for formalize that support.

COUNCILOR UPDATES

Councilor Thomas asked if we could have a discussion at the next City Council meeting to develop a mechanism to get all of the City Councilors attending in person.

Councilor Thomas asked to formalize a way to capture a list from the City Manager on what is left to accomplish, what is being left behind, to set some goals before his departure, etc. City Manager Roy said that he would detail the current projects and report to the City Council.

COMMUNITY NOTES

City Clerk Dubois announced that absentee ballot requests were currently being accepted and urged citizens to vote by absentee ballot.

Erica Pelotte expressed her appreciation for the use of Haines Park and stated that she wants to reimburse the city for the power she has used for lights and entertainment. She wanted to make a \$2,000 donation, but the City Manager suggested that we bill her for the actual cost of power and any additional donation could be earmarked for specific projects such as Operation HOPE or the RiverWalk.

MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager announced a Virtual Public Meeting about the Downtown BUILD grant project from August 24th through September 4th and invited members of the public to participate at mainedot.gov/vpi. Councilor Foss asked that the link be shared on the city's Facebook page. Councilor Francke questioned whether this meeting was mostly informational or whether the design can change. Roy said that not much can be changed, at this point. Council Thomas pointed out that design and traffic patterns of side streets can be decided later.

Mr. Roy updated the City Council that tax collections were better than last year, resulting in fewer lien notices.

Motion Made and Seconded to Adjourn
Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

_____ City Clerk